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FROM AMBASSADOR EDWIN MARTIN FOR SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND BUTZ

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAGR

SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS AND OTHER EARLY EVENTS.

- 1. WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL AZIZ ASSURED AMBASSADOR MARTIN SEPTEMBER 18 THAT MINIMIZING OF OPENING CEREMONIES SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 5. AFTER OPENING AT 11 AM, UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AND THEN ITALIAN PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER WILL SPEAK. THEN PRESIDENT (BUT NOT VICE-PRESIDENT) OF CONFERENCE WILL BE ELECTED. BARRING ATTENDANCE OF BOUMEDIENNE OR SOME OTHER CHIEF OF STATE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ADDRESS WOULD BE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS. REST OF DAY WOULD BE OCCUPIED BY SPEECHES BY CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL MAREI, FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA, AND UNCTAD, WITH LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF STATEMENTS BY COUNTRIES.
- 2. CONFERENCE SECRETARY-GENERAL MAREI WISHES TO GIVE LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 5 TO WHICH SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE INVITED, IF HE IS NOT PREEMPTED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S WISHING TO GIVE SUCH A LUNCHEON. AMBASSADOR MARTIN MADE IT CLEAR THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WISHES TO RETURN TO UNITED STATES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, AND THUS COULD NOT ATTEND NOVEMBER 5 EVENING RECEPTION.

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3. RECEPTION ON BEHALF OF UNITED STATES DELEGATION, ALONG LINES

PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH (ROME 12005; STATE 196794) WOULD STILL BE
DESIRABLE EARLY IN CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR VOLPE WOULD WELCOME
OPPORTUNITY TO HOST SUCH RECEPTION WITH SECRETARY BUTZ AS HEAD OF
DELEGATION, SIMILAR TO ONE HE GAVE DURING FAO CONFERENCE IN 1973.
AS COURTESY TO ITALY, WHOSE PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER MAY WISH TO
GIVE RECEPTION NOVEMBER 5, AND IN VIEW OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
DEPARTURE THAT DAY, WE SUGGEST RECEPTION NOT BE GIVEN NOVEMBER 5.
NOVEMBER 6 HAS BEEN SELECTED BY JAPANESE FOR RECEPTION FOR CHIEFS OF
DELEGATION ONLY. THIS WOULD NOT BE SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT, SINCE
JAPANESE EMBASSY RESIDENCE IS CLOSE TO AMERICAN, BUT WE SUGGEST
SETTING OUR RECEPTION FOR NOVEMBER 7 AT 7:30. VOLPE

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